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Construction Begins for New Mammoth Lakes Courthouse

What: A groundbreaking ceremony for the new courthouse in Mammoth Lakes for the Superior Court of Mono County will mark the start of construction for this long-awaited project.

When: Friday, May 14, 2010, 10–11 a.m. for the groundbreaking ceremony, with a short reception to follow.

Where: The construction site of the new courthouse, on the corner of Highway 203 and Sierra Park Road in Mammoth Lakes.

Note: In case of bad weather, the event will be moved to the Mammoth Town Council Chambers, Suite Z, Minaret Village Mall, located at 437 Old Mammoth Road.

Who: The ceremony will include remarks by Presiding Judge Stanley L. Eller of the Superior Court of Mono County; former Presiding Judge Edward Forstenzer (Ret.); Mayor pro Tem John Eastman, Town of Mammoth Lakes; and Director Lee Willoughby, Office of Court Construction and Management, Administrative Office of the Courts, whose office manages the project.

Note: Because of space limitations, the groundbreaking ceremony is not open to the public, but only to invited guests and the news media.

Why: The event culminates four years of planning and design for the new two-courtroom, 20,000-square-foot courthouse to replace the currently leased South County Branch in the Sierra Center mall. The new courthouse will provide enhanced security and more space, enabling the court to improve access and services. The courthouse has been designed as part of a new government center in Mammoth Lakes. It is scheduled for completion in summer 2011.

More information, including rendering images of the new courthouse, is at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects_mono.htm.

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